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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF LABOR OJEDA PAULLADA ON THE ILO

REF: MEXICO 08915

1. WE APPRECIATE OJEDA'S CONCERN ABOUT US POSITION ON EX-  
PANSION OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB) AND WILL ATTEMPT TO  
EXPLAIN OUR POSITION SO THAT HE WILL HAVE A CLEARER UNDER-  
STANDING OF THE FACTORS INVOLVED. THE ILO GB IS ALREADY ONE  
OF THE LARGEST EXECUTIVE BODIES IN THE UN SYSTEM. WE ARE  
CONCERNED THAT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF VOTING MEMBERS  
WOULD MAKE IT UNWIELDY. FURTHERMORE, WE BELIEVE THAT EN-  
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LARGE ENT OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP WOULD CREATE PRESSURES  
IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST ON EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO ENLARGE  
THEIR GROUPS AS WELL, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SIZE OF  
NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS WAS INITIALLY UNCHANGED BY VIRTUE OF  
A WEIGHTED VOTING SYSTEM. WE ARE AWARE OF THE COMPROMISE  
PROPOSAL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING PARTY ON  
STRUCTURE IN GENEVA, BUT OUR VIEWS ON GB ENLARGEMENT HAVE

NOT CHANGED. MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE AWARE OF OUR VIEWS, ESPECIALLY IMEC MEMBERS, WITH WHOM WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS.

2. THE US GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARDS RE-ENTRY IN;O THE ILO IS DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT, WHO HAS DECIDED TO SEEK THE CONTINUING ADVICE OF A CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE (CLC) ON THE ILO CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR. IN ADDITION TO OTHER US GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFL-CIO (WORKERS) AND THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (EMPLOYERS) SET ON THE COMMITTEE. THE ISSUES DESCRIBED IN OUR RECENT REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOM AND TO OTHER ILO MEMBERS (STATE 127537) WERE DEEMED TO BE CRITICAL BY THE CLC. DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THESE ISSUES AND OTHER MAJOR ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE BUT WHICH CANNOT BE FULLY ANTICIPATED WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CLC AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE. THE COMMITTEE MAY DECIDE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT REGARDING ILO MEMBERSHIP, CONSIDERING THE OVERALL RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE PRECISELY WHAT WEIGHT MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE VARIOUS ISSUES TO BE REVIEWED. HOWEVER, ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLC ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF EXPANDING THE GB AND THE AFL-CIO AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED. NEVERTHELESS, THE CLC POSITION IS THAT ALL DEVELOPMENTS, BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE, WILL BE WEIGHED IN ASSESSING THE RESULTS  
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OF THE CONFERENCE. THE VIEWS OF THE CLC ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY A PREPONDERANT WEIGHT IN ANY DECISION THE PRESIDENT MAY MAKE. CHRISTOPHER

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